GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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UTILIZATION CERTIFICATES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in its Report No. 5 of 2002 has brought out that out of 5432 utilisation certifications for grant aggregating to Rs.659.09 crore, 68.51 per cent of the utilisation certificates amounting to Rs. 451.51 crore are outstanding against his Ministry alone for more than three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to get these utilisation certificates without further delay;

(d) whether there is any proposal to fix the accountability and responsibility of the officials responsible for not ensuring the receipt of utilisation certificates; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (e) The CAG Report No. 5 of 2002 covers the number of outstanding utilization certificates for the period from 1981-82 to 1998-99. The Ministry of Environment and Forests in its present structuring was formed in 1985 and prior to that the Forests and Wildlife were part of the Ministry of Agriculture. Regarding the outstanding utilization certificates the process of reconciliation with the grantee institutions including States/autonomous bodies/NGOs has been processed and on the basis of the same outstandings are being cleared. Non-furnishing of the utilization certificates being on account of the procedural aspects, the question of fixation of responsibility does not arise.